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POLITICAL

Action Group Precipitates Political Crisis

AWOLOWO and Central Ministers threatening walkout of Gov't and take Action Group legislators with them. Reason not publicly announced but "dissatisfaction with constitution" best, although vague, published guess. AG press gleefully hoping aloud that present constitution will be wrecked as result action. No publication results of conferences with Governor and other high officials. Evidently more smoke than fire, but situation cannot be dismissed lightly. NCNC not supporting Action Group course. Even other Action Group figures doubtful success of maneuver.

Adedoyin Turned Down as Lagos Town Clerk

Prince ADEDOYIN suffered another setback when Western Region gov't announced rejection his application for job as Clerk. Published bases for action: position vacancy not properly advertised; Adedoyin not qualified for post. Matter referred to "appropriate committee" by Lagos Town Council.

Secretary League of Northern Yorubas Arrested

The Secretary arrested for part in agitation among enclave of Yorubas presently governed under Northern Region. Group asking boundaries be changed to put them in Western Region, Secretary charged inciting to public disorder. League wants regional boundaries along Niger and Benue Rivers.

Post Lyttelton Visit Press Comment

Local nationalist press poking great fun at Secretary of State's protestation his visit "neither social, economical nor political" and "just a free visit to see things for myself". Press having field-day publishing analyses re implications visit; with fear of nascent nationalism being favorite reason given for trip.

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ECONOMIC

Presence of Uranium Ores in North Announced

Official announcement made of substantial uranium ore deposits (low-grade pyrochlore) in North. Discovery reported made two years ago kept quiet to permit clearing area of all prospecting rights, leaving land in free control of Crown. Ore in conjunction with quantities "another metal used in jet aero-engines" (guessed as being columbite), presents serious extraction problems now being studied at atomic laboratories, Harwell. Location sixty miles from Jos plateau, twenty miles off Bauchi railway route Jos-Zaria. Report titled "The Albite-Biebeckite-Granites of Nigeria".

Licenses for Japanese Imports Stopped

Taking action similar to other British colonial areas, Department Commerce and Industries suspends issuance licenses import from Japan. Suspension reported temporary pending return from UK of Minister NWAPA. If UK manufacturers can supply goods at competitive prices suspension expected be permanent.

Wage Increases by Private Firms

Labor scene characterized by unrest. Gov't quiet on future raises for government employees but obviously won't and can't meet levels demanded. United Africa Company, G.B. Ollivant and Cappa and D'Alberto (construction firm) all raised wages considerable amount. Probable gov't will match new private industries' levels and no more.

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